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BECKER et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING
THICKNESS DURING SPIN COATING (AS AMENDED)

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTDirector of the U.S. Patent
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed December 6, 2001, and in reply to the personal interview of December 13, 2001, prior to initial examination on the merits of the Continued Prosecution Application filed September 6, 2001, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 14, 16, 18 and 24-27 as follows:

14. (Twice Amended) A method of applying a layer of a viscous fluid onto a first planar substrate, comprising:
- pumping the viscous fluid with a dosing pump to a dosing arm connected to the dosing pump and positioned over the first substrate;
 - forming the layer on the first substrate by dosing the first substrate with viscous fluid from the dosing arm;

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